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Restructuring Package for the company in July, 1999. In terms of the package certain austerity measures were also adopted. One of such austerity measure was to freeze Dearness Allowance till such time the company achieves cash profit. The Dearness Allowance has been frozen at 22%.

The Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 is being implemented by the company. Applications received from eligible employees are being processed by the company and forwarded to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Kolkata, for settlement of pension claims.

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report (2005-06) and Accounts (2004-05) of the ICAR New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION. (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in Enligh and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) Annual Report of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, for the year 2005-2006.

(ii) (a) Annual Accounts of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, for the year 2004-2005 and Audit Report thereon.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4735/06]

MoU (2006-2007) between the Government of India and the NSIC

The Minister of Small Scale Industries and the Minister of Agro and Rural Industries. (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Small Scale Industries) and